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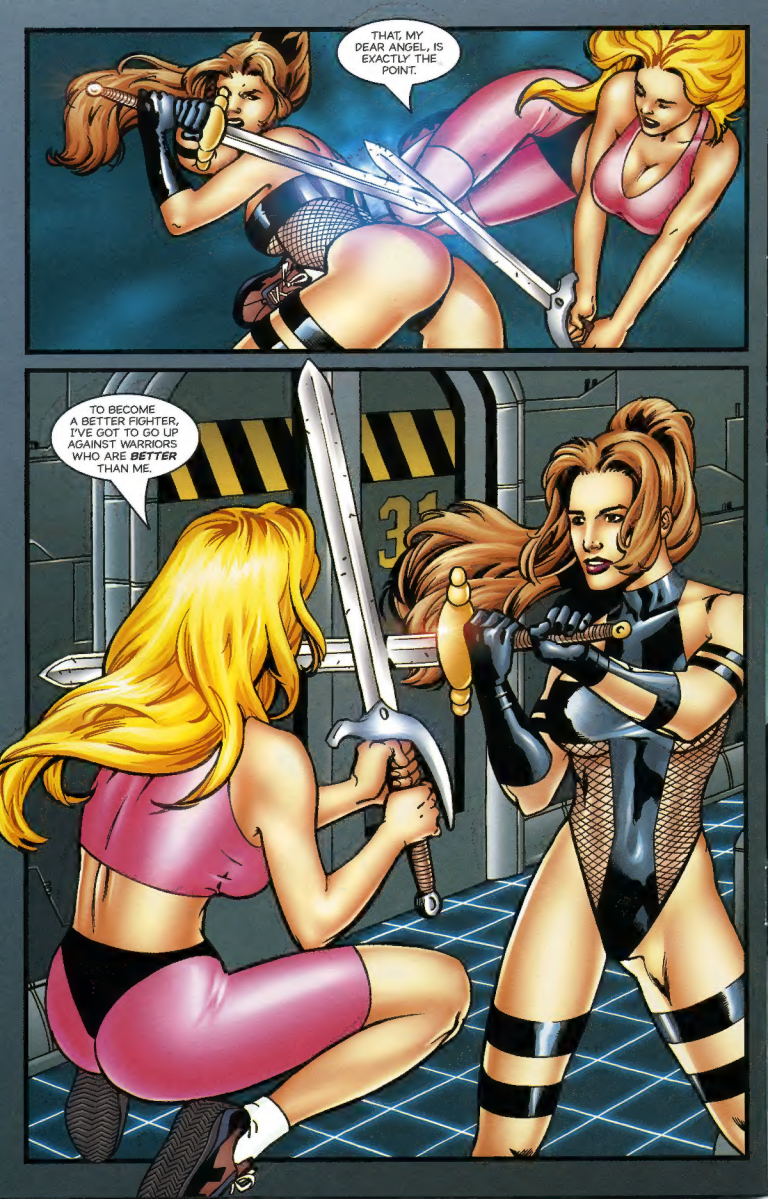
I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE *DOING THIS,* TANYA. IT'S NOT A FAIR FIGHT.
YOU'RE VERY SKILLFUL AND YOU'VE GOT HEART, BUT... WELL, YOU'RE *ONLY HUMAN.*


THAT, MY DEAR ANGEL, IS EXACTLY THE POINT.
TO BECOME A BETTER FIGHTER, I'VE GOT TO GO UP AGAINST WARRIORS WHO ARE ***BETTER*** THAN ME.
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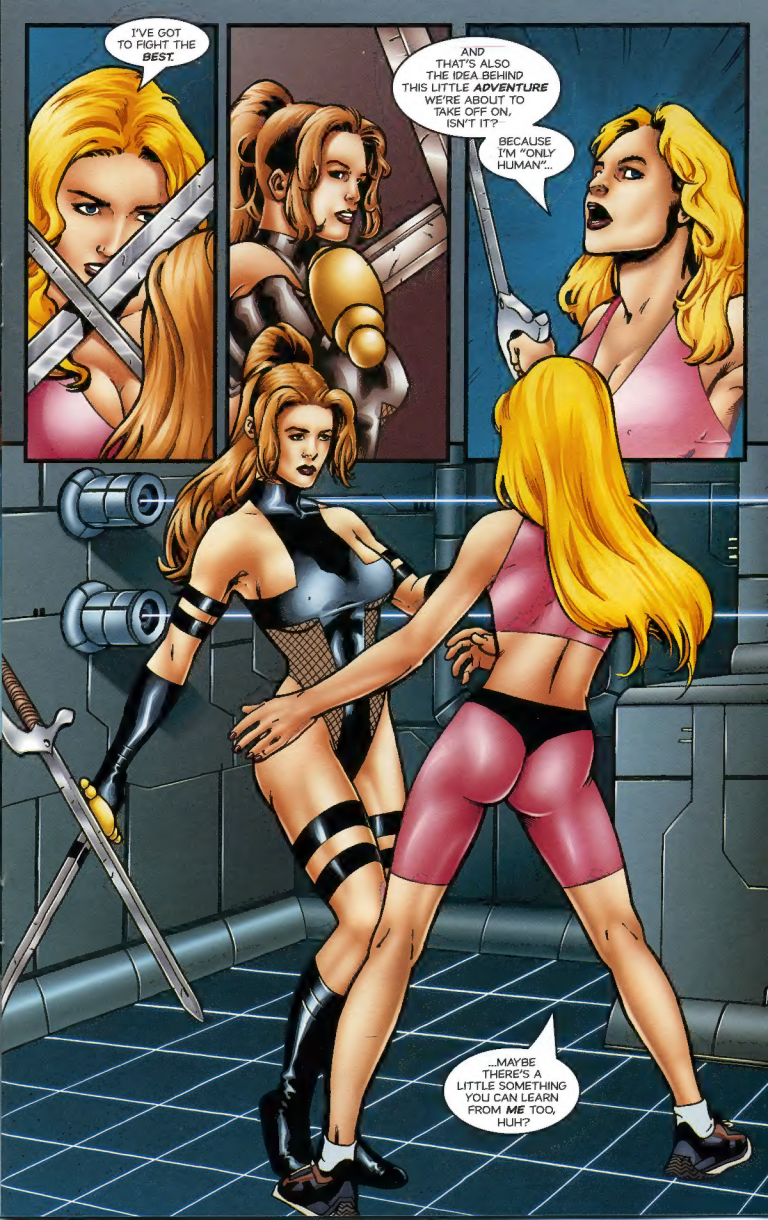
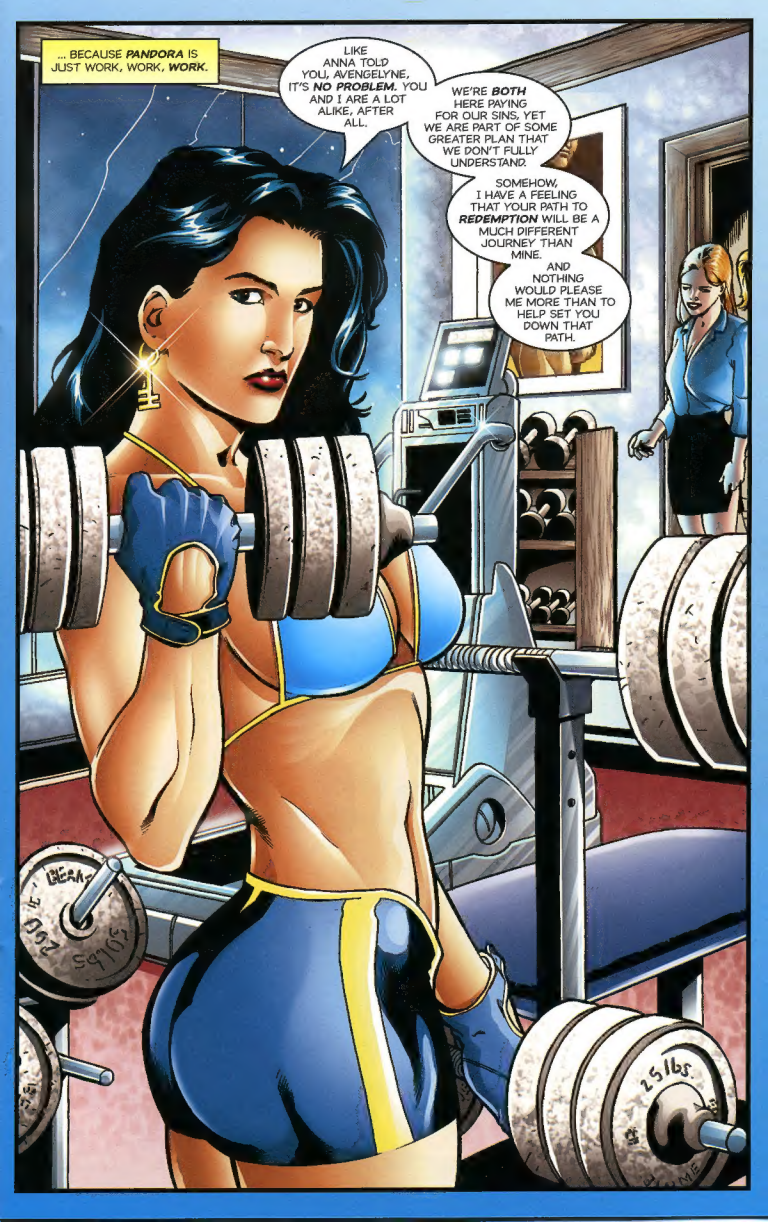
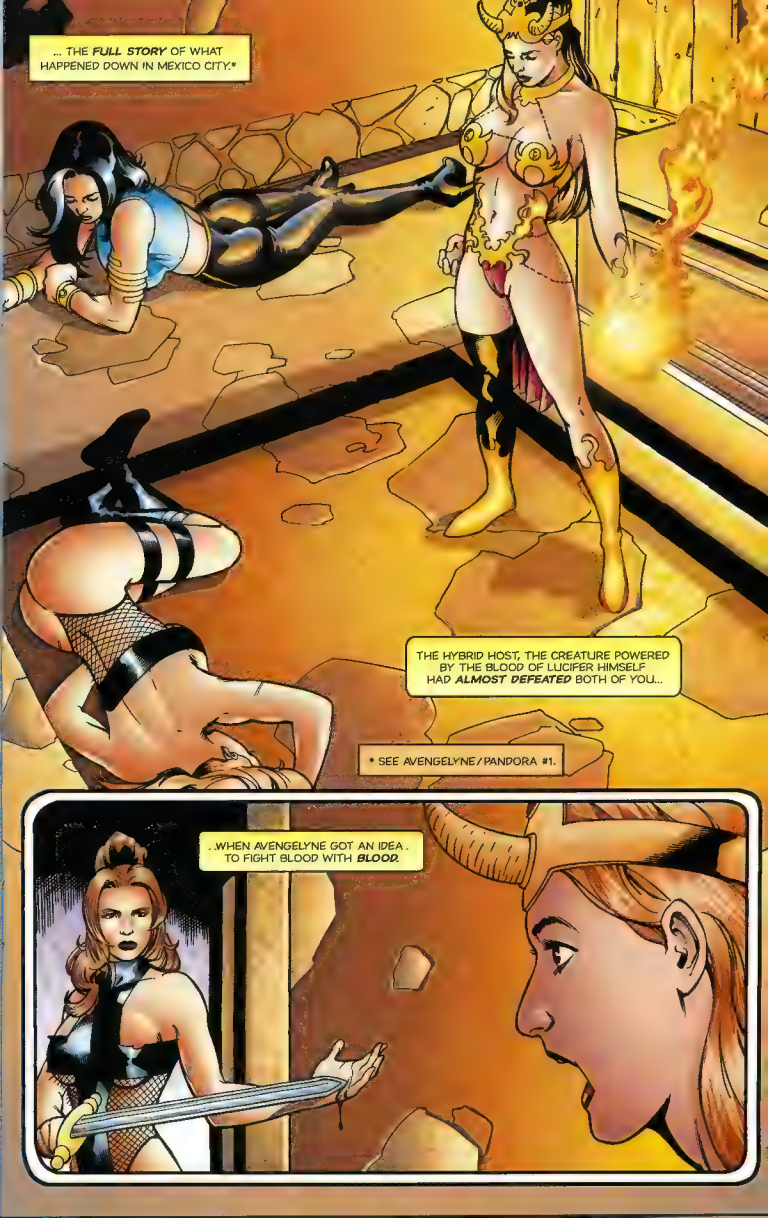

I'VE GOT TO FIGHT THE *BEST.*
AND THAT'S ALSO THE IDEA BEHIND THIS LITTLE *ADVENTURE* WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE OFF ON, ISN'T IT?
BECAUSE I'M "ONLY HUMAN"...
...MAYBE THERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING YOU CAN LEARN FROM *ME* TOO, HUH?

WELL, WELL. MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA AFTER ALL.
AS ONE HALF OF THE LOOKERS YOU OBVIOUSLY KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND THE COUNTRY, TANYA.
...AND YOUR SISTER TELLS ME ... WELL, LETS JUST SAY SHE TOLD ME YOU KNOW HOW TO, UM, LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST. SO THAT ANGLE'S COVERED.
BUT I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE A PHILOSOPHER ALSO.
WELL, YOU KNOW... YOU CAN ONLY REJECT SO MANY REQUESTS FROM CLIENTS WHO WANT YOU TO SEARCH FOR "THE MEANING OF LIFE" WITHOUT STARTING TO FORM YOUR OWN OPINIONS.
ANNA, I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR HELPING TO SET THIS UP.
WHEN WE WERE DOWN IN MEXICO CITY, I REALIZED JUST HOW LITTLE I KNEW ABOUT... ORDINARY PLACES... EVERYDAY LIFE.
UH HUH. THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN FIGHTING DEMONS.
WISH YOU'D TELL THE BOSS THAT...


... BECAUSE PANDORA IS JUST WORK, WORK, WORK.
LIKE ANNA TOLD YOU, AVENGELYNE, IT'S NO PROBLEM. YOU AND I ARE A LOT ALIKE, AFTER ALL.
WE'RE BOTH HERE PAYING FOR OUR SINS, YET WE ARE PART OF SOME GREATER PLAN THAT WE DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND.
SOMEHOW, I HAVE A FEELING THAT YOUR PATH TO REDEMPTION WILL BE A MUCH DIFFERENT JOURNEY THAN MINE.
AND NOTHING WOULD PLEASE ME MORE THAN TO HELP SET YOU DOWN THAT PATH.

ALLLLRIGHTY THEN! LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!
FIRST STOP. CLOTHES SHOPPING!
BUT TANYA.. I HAVE PLENTY OF CLOTHES
LESSON NUMBER ONE... YOU CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH CLOTHES!
BESIDES, ANNA GAVE ME A CREDIT CARD.. AND PANDORA'S RICHER THAN BILL GATES!
ARE YOU SURE IT'S A GOOD IDEA?
ANNA, YOU KNOW EVEN TANYA CAN'T SPEND MORE THAN THE SMALLEST FRACTION OF MY --
NO, NOT THE CREDIT CARD.
I'M TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE NOT TELLING AVENGELYNE..


... THE FULL STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED DOWN IN MEXICO CITY.*
THE HYBRID HOST, THE CREATURE POWERED BY THE BLOOD OF LUCIFER HIMSELF HAD ALMOST DEFEATED BOTH OF YOU...
* SEE AVENGELYNE/PANDORA #1.
..WHEN AVENGELYNE GOT AN IDEA. TO FIGHT BLOOD WITH BLOOD.

SHE THOUGHT THAT THE **BLOOD** OF **THE LAMB** WOULD BE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE BLOOD OF THE **DRAGON.**
AND SHE WAS **RIGHT.**

SINCE THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE AFFLICTED, IT WAS FELT THAT **AVENGELYNE'S** BLOOD MIGHT BE USED AS A CURE SOMEHOW.
SO SHE GRACIOUSLY DONATED SOME OF IT.

LATER, WE FOUND OUT THAT AVENGELYNE'S GENEROSITY..
..HAD BEEN ABUSED.
RACHEL! WHA--!?
SORRY, DONNA..
..BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE MUCH BETTER USE OF THE ANGEL'S BLOOD THAN YOU CAN!

I KNOW IT'S A HARD CALL ANNA, BUT BEFORE WE MENTION THIS TO AVENGELYNE, WE'RE GOING TO BE *SURE* THAT IT'S SOME KIND OF THREAT..
.. RATHER THAN JUST SOME MISGUIDED SOUL WHO'S GOING TO PUT THE JAR OF BLOOD ON A SHELF IN HER *FREEZER* AND *PRAY* TO IT EVERY DAY.
THAT GIRL NEEDS SOME *PEACE* IN HER LIFE. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. WHERE IS TANYA TAKING HER, ANYWAY?
FLORIDA. SHE SAYS THEY NEED TO START WITH SOME SUN
GOOD. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYPLACE THAT'S FARTHER AWAY FROM AVENGELYNE'S TROUBLES..

...THAN THE **BEACH.**

BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING **HERE,** ANYWAY?
I THOUGHT VAM.. UH, I THOUGHT WE DIDN'T **LIKE** THE SUN.
AND AREN'T YOU AFRAID THAT PEOPLE ARE GONNA **NOTICE** YOUR COS--
I AM **NEVER** AFRAID.
WITH MY POWER, I DON'T **HAVE** TO BE.
THESE PEOPLE SEE...
...**EXACTLY** WHAT I WANT THEM TO SEE.
NOT MY COSTUME, JUST A **NORMAL BIKINI.**
YOU SEE, I **LOVE** THE SUN.
WHY **SHOULDN'T** I LOVE THAT WHICH CAUSES THOSE WHO SATE MY THIRST TO... THRIVE SO WONDERFULLY

THOUGH NONE HERE SEES IT, MY COSTUME MAGICALLY PROTECTS ***ME*** FROM THE SUN
AND ***YOU*** ARE A FEW DAYS AWAY FROM COMPLETING YOUR TRANSFORMATION, SO ***YOU*** ARE NOT AFFECTED EITHER.
AS FOR ***WHY*** WE ARE ON THE BEACH..
...***RAVYN*** HAS WORKED HER MAGIC. WE KNOW THAT ***AVENGELYNE*** IS COMING ***HERE***...
... AND ***SHE*** WILL QUENCH OUR THRIST
... LIKE NO ONE ***EVER*** HAS.

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Snip be sure that you do not eat the blood: for the blood is the life; and you may not eat the life with the flesh. A verse with which the Earth Angel is about to become intimately familiar. In the wake of her little drama in Mexico City with Pandora, Avengelyne has embarked on a road trip of sorts with her new friend Tampa Nichols. But instead of searching for God, this time, she's trying to find her humanity.

Our story begins her in Miami, with Avengelyne trying to enjoy life for a change -- amidst the people, the sand, and an atmosphere of celebration. But this charming little scene is about to be shattered.

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AT A HOTEL IN MIAMI
SO... IS IT WORKING?
IS OUR LITTLE EXCURSION INTO THE MORTAL WORLD BEYOND THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS GIVING YOU ANY INSIGHT INTO THE HUMAN CONDITION?
PANDORA'S IDEA TO GET ME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE WORLD WITH YOUR, UH, ROAD TRIP WAS A GOOD ONE TANYA, BUT I'M STILL LEARNING.
FOR EXAMPLE, RIGHT NOW I'M CURIOUS WHAT THE COMMOTION OVER THERE IS ALL ABOUT
OH, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING.
PROBABLY JUST SOME ROWDY COLLEGE KID

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF SECURITY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS
LET ME PASS, YOU IDIOTS!
WELCOME
SECURITY
THERE'S LITTLE TIME! I MUST SEE HER
SO SHE WON'T BE BOTHERING YOU

I MUST SEE AVENGELYNE!
UH OH, SOUNDS LIKE THE ROAD TRIP'S TAKING A LITTLE DETOUR HERE
BUT THAT'S OKAY
I COULD USE THE EXERCISE
HEY BABE, DUNNO WHAT YOU WANT, BUT AVENGELYNE'S TAKING A BREAK FROM FIGHTING EVIL RIGHT N--
OWWW!!

TANYA!
I'M OKAY YOU'D THINK I'D HAVE LEARNED...
TANYA IS MY FRIEND, WOMAN
...TO EXPECT EXTRA-NORMALS IN MY LINE OF WORK *
*TANYA IS A MEMBER OF THE LOOKERS
AND IF IT'S MY ATTENTION YOU WANT, YOU'VE GOT IT.

?
IT'S NOT YOUR ATTENTION I WANT, ANGEL
... IT'S YOUR FORGIVENESS

YOU WEEP TEARS OF BLOOD?
AND YOUR HANDS
YOUR HANDS BURN.
I SHOULD GET YOU SOME HELP.
TANYA, GO FIND--
NO.
I HAVE LITTLE TIME
WHAT YOU SEE. WHAT I AM... IS MY OWN DOING. IT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY KIND COMES INTO PROLONGED CONTACT WITH YOUR PURE FLESH. REMEMBER THAT
I THOUGHT I WANTED TO LIVE FOREVER... BUT IT'S NOT WORTH THE PRICE!

BUT WE MUST GET YOU TO--
NO!
I STOLE YOUR BLOOD, AVENGELYNE.
BETRAYED YOU. I SHOULD BURN.
AND NOW THE RAVENING...
THEY'RE COMING FOR YOU
THE RAVENING?
OH NO.

GREAT. IT'S THE RAVENING
SO MUCH FOR OUR RELAXING LITTLE ROAD TRIP
WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE IN FLORIDA?
AND WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH AVENGELYNE?

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT CAN WE *DO* ABOUT IT?
THEY CAN GO *ANYWHERE*.
THEY CAN GET TO *ANYONE*.
PLEASANT *DREAMS*, TANYA?
AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN *STOP* THEM!

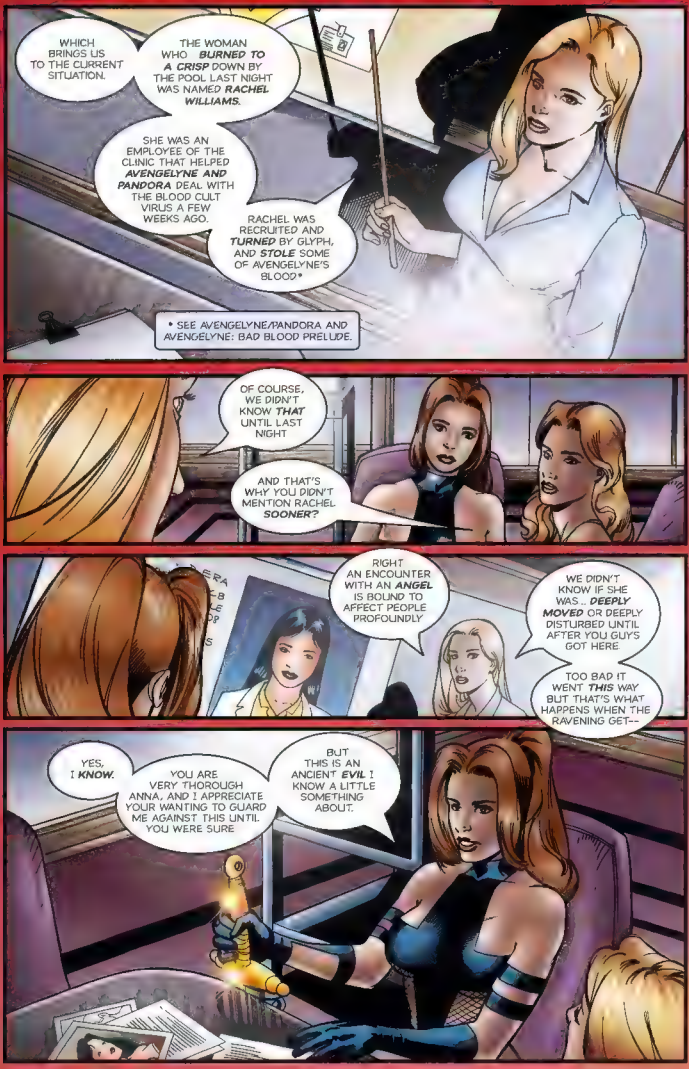
GLYPH!
NO, NOT PLEASANT DREAMS AT ALL.
I WAS THINKING OF YOU.
HOW FLATTERING
BUT I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU SLEEPING ALONE
WELL, NORMALLY, I'D BE HAPPY TO WAKE UP AND FIND SOMETHING AS PRETTY AS YOU IN MY BED
BUT BLOOD SUCKING ISN'T EXACTLY THE KIND I HAD IN MIND
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T TRIED IT
HERE, LET ME SHOW Y--

SURPRISE, CREATURE.
VAMPIRES AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE LIGHT ON THEIR FEET.
A-AVENGELYNE!?
HERE
SLICK ON THIS.
KWAM!

NOT READY FOR THIS YET, BUT SOON...
NEXT TIME.
THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME YOU--
ANGELS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE WINGS
WAIT!

WELL, AT LEAST I PREVENTED HER FROM DOING ANY HARM.
LUCKY I... SENSED HER SOMEHOW FROM THE NEXT ROOM.
SO THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF A GOOD TIME THEN, HUH?
ONE OF MY IDEAS OF A GOOD TIME
THOUGH I USUALLY LIKE TO PLAN THESE PARTIES MYSELF. ME AND MY SISTER, THAT IS
WE FIND THINGS. I'M NOT USED TO DOING IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
WELL THEN, WHAT NOW?
NOW WE GET SOMEBODY'S ASS OUT OF BED TO JOIN IN OUR GOOD TIME
BECAUSE I BET PANDORA'S ASSISTANT ANNA MARTELLI CAN TELL US SOMETHING MORE ABOUT..

THE RAVENING
LED BY RAVYN AND GLYPH, THEY ARE VICIOUS MODERN DAY VAMPIRES...
WHOSE GUIDING PURPOSE IS TO RECOVER AN ANCIENT SWORD THAT WILL ALLOW THEIR HELLISH MASTER...
TO RENEW HIS REIGN OF TERROR OVER ALL OF HUMANITY
WE'VE KEPT TABS ON THEIR MOVEMENTS FOR YEARS, OF COURSE.
IT SEEMS THAT SINCE PANDORA HAS PUT THE SWORD OUT OF THEIR REACH AT THE PRESENT, THEY'VE TURNED THEIR ATTENTION ELSEWHERE


WHICH BRINGS US TO THE CURRENT SITUATION.
THE WOMAN WHO ***BURNED TO A CRISP*** DOWN BY THE POOL LAST NIGHT WAS NAMED ***RACHEL WILLIAMS***.
SHE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CLINIC THAT HELPED ***AVENGELYNE AND PANDORA*** DEAL WITH THE BLOOD CULT VIRUS A FEW WEEKS AGO.
RACHEL WAS RECRUITED AND ***TURNED*** BY GLYPH, AND ***STOLE*** SOME OF AVENGELYNE'S BLOOD*
* SEE AVENGELYNE/PANDORA AND AVENGELYNE: BAD BLOOD PRELUDE.
OF COURSE, WE DIDN'T KNOW ***THAT*** UNTIL LAST NIGHT
AND THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T MENTION RACHEL ***SOONER?***
RIGHT AN ENCOUNTER WITH AN ***ANGEL*** IS BOUND TO AFFECT PEOPLE PROFOUNDLY
WE DIDN'T KNOW IF SHE WAS.. ***DEEPLY MOVED*** OR DEEPLY DISTURBED UNTIL AFTER YOU GUYS GOT HERE
TOO BAD IT WENT ***THIS*** WAY BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE RAVENING GET--
YES, I ***KNOW.***
YOU ARE VERY THOROUGH ANNA, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR WANTING TO GUARD ME AGAINST THIS UNTIL YOU WERE SURE.
BUT THIS IS AN ANCIENT ***EVIL*** I KNOW A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT.

I HAVE BEEN A *WARRIOR* FOR EVEN LONGER THAN YOUR EMPLOYER, AFTER ALL
SO I AM *VERY* FAMILIAR WITH THE BLOOD GOD *DESPAIR*.
...AND HIS FOUL DISCIPLES
THEY HAVE EVER SOUGHT TO *ENSLAVE* THIS MORTAL REALM...
AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT *CANNOT* BE ALLOWED
BUT THAT'S NOT A PART OF THE MYTHOLOGY THAT *I'VE* HEARD ABOUT
NOT MYTH, IT'S *TRUTH*.
THESE CREATURES AND THEIR KIND HAVE PLAGUED MORTALS FOR UNTOLD MILLENNIA
AND I MAY NO LONGER BE A MEMBER OF THE *WARHOST*; BUT I STILL HAVE POWER
I NOTICED YOUR RESEARCH INCLUDED SOME *LEADS* AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS HERE. I NEED TO GO FIND--
BUT IT COULD BE A *SETUP!*
GLYPH'S ATTACK ON ME EARLIER MUST MEAN THEY THINK THEY'RE *READY* FOR US
I CAN KICK ASS, BUT YOU AIN'T GOT A *HOST OF ANGELS* TO BACK YOU UP THIS TIME!
NO MATTER IT WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY *THEN*, AND IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY *NOW*... BECAUSE IT'S *MY BLOOD*
AND I'VE *GOT* TO FIND OUT

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AND I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT...

WHAT THEY ARE DOING WITH MY BLOOD.
AT LAST
THE ANGEL'S BLOOD... IS FINALLY READY FOR THE CEREMONY
ARE YOU PREPARED, LOYAL ONE?
I AM READY, MISTRESS
THEN IT'S TIME TO TURN THE ANGEL'S SWEET, PURE, GOOD BLOOD...
INTO BAD BLOOD.

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE WAITED FOR TANYA AND ANNA
I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS... THEME PARK TO BE SO BIG!
STILL, MY INSTINCTS TELL ME THAT ANNA'S RESEARCH IS CORRECT.
IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO ABDUCT PEOPLE FROM A PLACE LIKE THIS
THERE ARE A MILLION DESERTED PLACES TO HIDE
...AND EVEN THEIR COSTUMES WOULDN'T ATTRACT UNDUE ATTENTION!
EXCUSE ME. YOU'RE WITH PARK SECURITY?
I KNOW YOU'RE CLOSING, BUT I WONDER IF YOU COULD TELL ME IF--

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GRROWLRR!
WHY YES, AVENGELYNE
GLYPH AND I CAN TELL YOU *EVERYTHING* YOU WANT TO KNOW

GLYPH!?
SHAPESHIFTING IS JUST ONE OF MY ABILITIES.
..AS YOU'RE ABOUT TO DISCOVER
YOU CAME HERE WANTING SOME ANSWERS..
SO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
TO BE CONTINUED..

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The unexpected appearance of The Ravening has cut short the leisurely road trip of Avengelyne and her friend Vampa just as it was beginning on the beaches of Florida. Worse, it has been discovered that those vicious vampires have obtained a quantity of the Earth Angel's blood.

Following a lead provided by Anna Martelli, Avengelyne explores a large theme park in an attempt to unravel the vampires' plan. But she finds more than she bargained for there, as she is confronted by the seductively beautiful vampire named Glyph.

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FLORIDA THEME PARK
THAT'S IT, QUICKLY..
MAKE HER LOOK AT ME.
CLOSING TIME
YOU KNOW AVENGELYNE, IT'S A SHAME THAT PROLONGED CONTACT WITH YOUR FLESH CAN BE FATAL TO MY KIND.
BECAUSE SOON YOU WILL BE MY SLAVE...

?
... AND I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE AN ANGEL LI--!?
OH, YOU'LL TAKE YOUR LICKS ALL RIGHT...
MERRY GO 'ROUND
BUT I THINK YOU CREATURES WILL FIND...

HSSS!
..WHEN IT COMES TO *THIS* KIND OF ENCOUNTER...
UGH!
.. THAT I CAN *GIVE* AS GOOD AS I *GET*.

THAT'S GOOD, ANGEL.
YOUR EYES. .
I. .
I CANT THINK...
IN FACT WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO BE STRONG.
STRONG OF HEART, BUT NOT STRONG OF MIND.
...

BOB
FOR YOUR ANGEL'S BLOOD WILL GIVE US POWER EVEN WE HAVE NEVER DREAMED OF
NO!
NO...
HMM...
NOT EXACTLY THE SWORD WE'RE LOOKING FOR, BUT IT MAY BE USEFUL SOMEDAY.
AVOID LINGERING CONTACT WITH HER BARE FLESH, BUT BRING HER QUICKLY...

...RAVYN MUST NEARLY BE PREPARED FOR THE CEREMONY BY NOW
THAT'S IT.. DRINK THE ANGEL'S PURE BLOOD.
ACK!
AND NOW, LOYAL SERVANT..
PREPARE YOURSELF..
M-MISTRESS. IT BURNS!
THE BLOOD BURNS!

I AM TRULY SORRY, YOUNG ONE.
I HATE TO SEE A LOYAL RAVENING SUFFER SO, EVEN A SLAVE SUCH AS YOURSELF.
BUT FROM YOUR DEATH...
...WILL COME NEW LIFE.

RAVYN?
WE'VE GOT HER AS SOON AS SHE'S PREPARED, YOU CAN CONTINUE.
EXCELLENT.
THE CEREMONY IS A SUCCESS. THE POWER... INTOXICATING!
I WAS ABLE TO TRANSFORM THE ANGEL'S GOOD BLOOD INTO BAD BLOOD.
AND NOW THAT I'M FINISHED WITH THIS APPETIZER...
... I'M READY FOR THE MAIN COURSE!

SECURE HER WHILE WE PREPARE THE ALTAR FOR THE FINAL CEREMONY.. AND TAKE CARE NOT TO TOUCH HER BARE FLESH FOR TOO LONG.
SECURE THE SWORD ALSO, I SHALL WANT TO EXAMINE IT LATER.
QUICKLY, MY SERVANTS.
I CANNOT CONTROL THE ANGEL INDEFINITELY.. IT TAKES ALL MY EFFORTS TO KEEP HER SUBDUED.
THINK OF IT, MY BLOOD SISTERS!
WE WILL SURELY BE REWARDED FOR OUR HELP IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT CEREMONY!
YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU DESERVE ALL RIGHT.

... I'LL MAKE SURE OF IT
YOUR PARDON MISTRESS.
YOU HAVE BEEN RAVENING LONGER THAN I, SO IT SHOULD BE YOUR HONOR TO HELP RAVYN AND GLYPH PREPARE THE ALTAR.
I CAN TAKE CARE OF THE SWORD.
THERE IS A CONTAINER BACK NEAR THE STORAGE ROOMS WHERE THEY ARE HOLDING THE ANGEL. TAKE CARE THAT YOU PLACE IT THERE
DON'T WORRY...
I'LL BE SURE TO GET THIS SWORD.
AH.. I DIDN'T THINK I RECOGNIZED YOUR SCENT. YOU MUST BE FRESHLY TURNED.
YES, OF COURSE GOOD THINKING, INITIATE SUCH SELFLESS LOYALTY WILL TAKE YOU FAR HERE

EXACTLY WHERE IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE.
AVENGELYNE?

AVENGELYNE?
YOU OKAY?
C'MON, WAKE UP.
I NEED--
VAMPIRE!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU NEED, YOU WILL --
KEEP IT DOWN!
THERE'S PLENTY OF DEAD AROUND HERE FOR YOU TO WAKE, YOU KNOW!
TANYA?!?
YOU'VE BEEN TURNED!
NO...

THINK I'VE NEVER HAD TO IMPERSONATE A VAMPIRE BEFORE?
FAKE TEETH AND A PHEROMONE "PERFUME" THAT MASKS MY BLOOD SCENT.
THESE CHAINS ARE TOO STRONG, PLUS THEY'RE MAGICALLY WARDED.
CAN YOU BREAK FREE?
NO.
I FEEL... WEAK.
I'M UNDER SOME KIND OF INFLUENCE OF GLYPH'S.
HMM I WAS HOPING TO AVOID HER AND RAVYN.
THESE OTHER GIRLS ARE SO DUMB THEY THINK THEY'VE JOINED A SORORITY OR SOMETHING, BUT RAVYN AND GLYPH ARE TOO SMART TO BE FOOLED BY MY COVER.
BETTER THINK OF SOMETHING FAST...
... BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE COMING FOR ME.
WE ARE PREPARED. BRING THE ANGEL NOW..

...FOR HER *FINAL* MOMENTS ON HEAVEN AND EARTH.
IT IS A PITY THAT *SHE* CANNOT BE TURNED.. BECOME ONE OF US.
THE SANCTITY OF *THAT* BLOOD IN ITS OWN VESSEL IS SOMETHING THAT *DESPAIR* HIMSELF COULD NOT OVERCOME
AND EVEN WHEN WE *DRINK* OF IT..

YES, YOU ARE ALL ABOUT TO MAKE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR KIND AND CAUSE.
I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU
AND NOW, DRINK DEEPLY...
...AND QUICKLY MY SERVANTS.
BEFORE THE PURITY OF HER FLESH AND BLOOD OVERCOMES YOU..

... AND WHILE GLYPH IS STILL ABLE TO MAINTAIN HER CONTROL.
IT IS.. DIFFICULT. SHE IS VERY STRONG.
WE MUST FINISH THIS QUICKLY.
UGH!
THE BLOOD IS TURNING, AND SOON I WILL HAVE ITS POWER.
IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, GLYPH.
EXCELLENT, RAVYN.
IT'S A GOOD THING WE PLANNED THIS CEREMONY SO --

HEADS UP, VAMPIRE...
...CHANGE OF PLANS.
TANYA!
YOU LITTLE FOOL
I AM FAR FASTER... AND STRONGER THAN ANY MORTAL
DID YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU HAD A CHANCE AGAINST ME?
IN COMBAT? NO.
BUT ALL I NEEDED.
PRIDE.

.. WAS TO DISTRACT YOU LONG ENOUGH FOR AVENGELYNE TO BREAK FREE
MY THANKS, TANYA
YOUR PLOY HAS ALLOWED ME TO REGAIN MY MIND.. AND STRENGTH.
SO GET AWAY FROM ME, BLOOD-SUCKERS.
I BELIEVE I HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
..WITH YOUR MISTRESS.
YES, AVENGELYNE
THE ONE THING THAT MY KIND CRAVES AS MUCH AS BLOOD.

...A CONFRONTATION WITH HEAVEN.
I'VE ALREADY DRANK ENOUGH OF YOUR BLOOD.. BECOME STRONG ENOUGH...
THEIR PRIDE HAS ALWAY'S BEEN THEIR WEAKNESS.
... THAT YOU ARE NOTHING TO ME NOW.
AND WHEN I DRINK THE REST OF YOUR BLOOD, PERHAPS I WILL EVEN GIVE YOUR MASTER
PAUSE.
YOU DARE COMPARE YOURSELF TO GOD?
YOU WILL NEV--
ACK!
I CAN EVEN BEAR TO TOUCH YOUR FLESH NOW.

COMPARISONS WITH GOD ARE INEVITABLE NOW THAT I HAVE SEIZED A MEASURE OF *HIS POWER* FROM YOU.
THE ONLY QUESTION *NOW* IS...
... SHOULD I SUCK YOU DRY BEFORE OR *AFTER* I BREAK YOUR PRETTY NECK?
HEY RAVYN...
... *MY* RULE OF THUMB IS ...
LUCKY FOR US, THEY *NEVER* LEARN...
... DO IT WHEN YOU HAVE THE *CHANCE*.
...THAT PRIDE IS HOW WE *BEAT THEM*...

"...AND I WILL MAKE YOUR HEAVEN AS *IRON*."
UGH!
EVERY TIME.
AVENGELYNE SAID SOMETHING THEN THAT I'M SURE *RAVYN* DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.
"I WILL *BREAK* THE PRIDE OF YOUR POWER...
SHE MEANT THAT RAVYN'S FATE IS AS *COLD AND UNYEILDING* AS THE METAL *SLICING* INTO HER *GUT*.
AND THAT PRETTY MUCH *ENDED* THIS LITTLE DRAMA.

GLYPH PULLED HER BELA LUGOSI, TURNED TO MIST AND SPIRITED HERSELF AND RAVYN AWAY TO A SAFE PLACE.
AND THEN YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE BUSTED IN FOR THE MOP-UP, ANNA.
THE SORORITY VAMPIRES FROM HELL ALL SCATTERED.
YEAH. ASKED SOME QUESTIONS ON THE UNDERGROUND GRAPEVINE, TOO.
RAVYN SURVIVED, BUT SHE'LL BE OUT OF CIRCULATION FOR AWHILE.
ONE LAST QUESTION, TANYA.
IF THIS WAS YOUR IDEA OF FUN, THEN WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF WORK?
AVENGELYNE, SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT IF YOU STICK AROUND WITH OUR CROWD LONG ENOUGH...
... YOU'RE GONNA FIND OUT.
NEXT: REVELATION.